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ACTIVITIES
in the
RYUKYUS ISLANDS

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PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

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PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

Malaria Control

1. As part of the malaria control program instituted on Okinawa in September, classes in sanitation procedures were held, demonstrations and individual instructions on proper application of DDT were given and approximately 140 sanitary teams were organized to combat mosquito propagation.

Insecticide materials distributed during the campaign are listed below by district.

MALARIA CONTROL SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION September

District	Contaminated Diesel Oil (barrels) a/	DDT Concen- trate (pounds)	Sprayers (3 gallon)	Cans (5 gallon)
Hentona	0	0	0	0
Taira	88	0	0	0
Jinuza	47	940	16	16
Ishikawa	67	1,340	20	20
Maebaru	138	2,760	44	44
Koza	135	2,700	42	42
Naha	70	1,400	20	20
Itoman	91	1,820	26	26
Chinen	<u>114</u>	<u>2,280</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>28</u>
Total	750	13,240	196	196

a/ One barrel equals 50 gallons.

2. In the Miyako malaria control program six acres of ponds were drained, six drip oilers were installed, areas around government-supervised farms received concentrated control attention and local malaria control organizations headed by village leaders were formed.

Japanese B Encephalitis

3. Thirty-four cases of Japanese B encephalitis were reported on Okinawa in September and October.

JAPANESE B ENCEPHALITIS - OKINAWA

<u>District</u>	<u>Cases</u>		<u>Total 1947 Deaths</u>
	<u>September</u>	<u>1947 Total</u>	
Hentona	0	0	0
Taira	1	4	1
Jinuza	0	11	2
Ishikawa	0	6	5
Maebaru	1	25	1
Koza	5	43	16
Naha	5	13	2
Itoman	2	6	2
Chinen	<u>15</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>33</u>
Total	29	185	62

4. Dengue fever was reported on Okinawa with 31 cases, three fatal, occurring in Maebaru district in August. No cases were reported in subsequent months.

5. Four cases of paratyphoid B appeared in the Southern Ryukyus in September, resulting in one fatality. Although the source was not definitely determined, sanitation officials immediately chlorinated wells, isolated patients and sprayed houses and latrines with DDT. No additional cases were reported.

6. Disease rates declined in September on Okinawa with the exception of tuberculosis, German measles and filariasis.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CASES

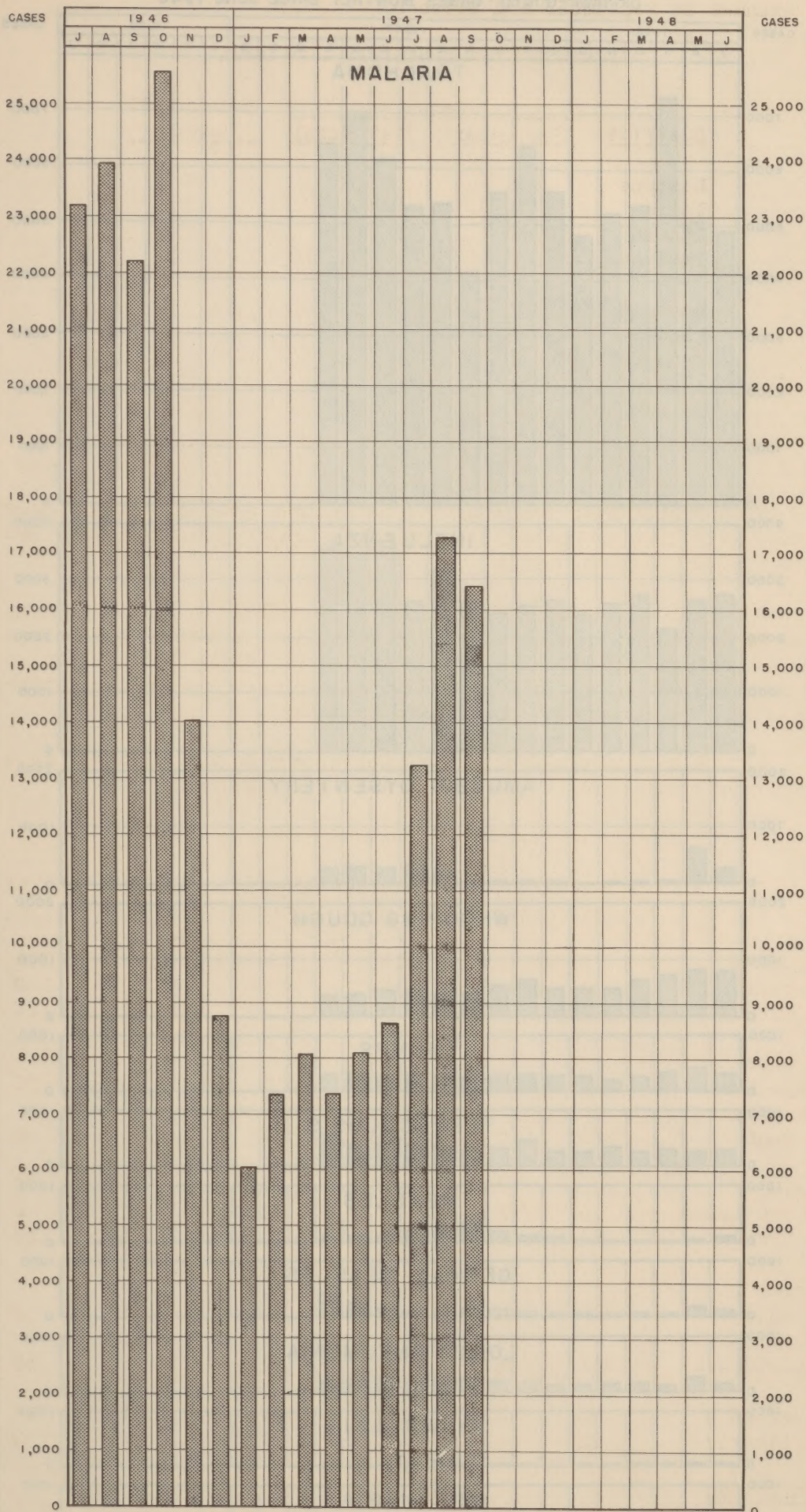
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	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
Malaria	17,271	16,411	18	17	3,219	3,704
Trachoma	7,043	6,438	65	64	143	162
Influenza	3,803	3,556	-	0	97	134
Amoebic dysentery	301	270	43	67	4	5
Whooping cough	399	371	68	64	21	0
Mumps	333	293	-	0	5	2
Tuberculosis	413	618	53	30	21	5
les	92	81	11	7	10	16
German measles	253	435	-	-	0	2
Lobar pneumonia	251	208	-	0	3	52
Filariasis	26	27	14	11	12	14
Diphtheria	21	12	4	2	0	0

Sanitation

7. Seventy-three restaurants, 59 barber shops and 24 ships were inspected in the Southern Ryukyus in October.

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OKINAWA-GUNTO · CASES MONTHLY SINCE JUNE 1946



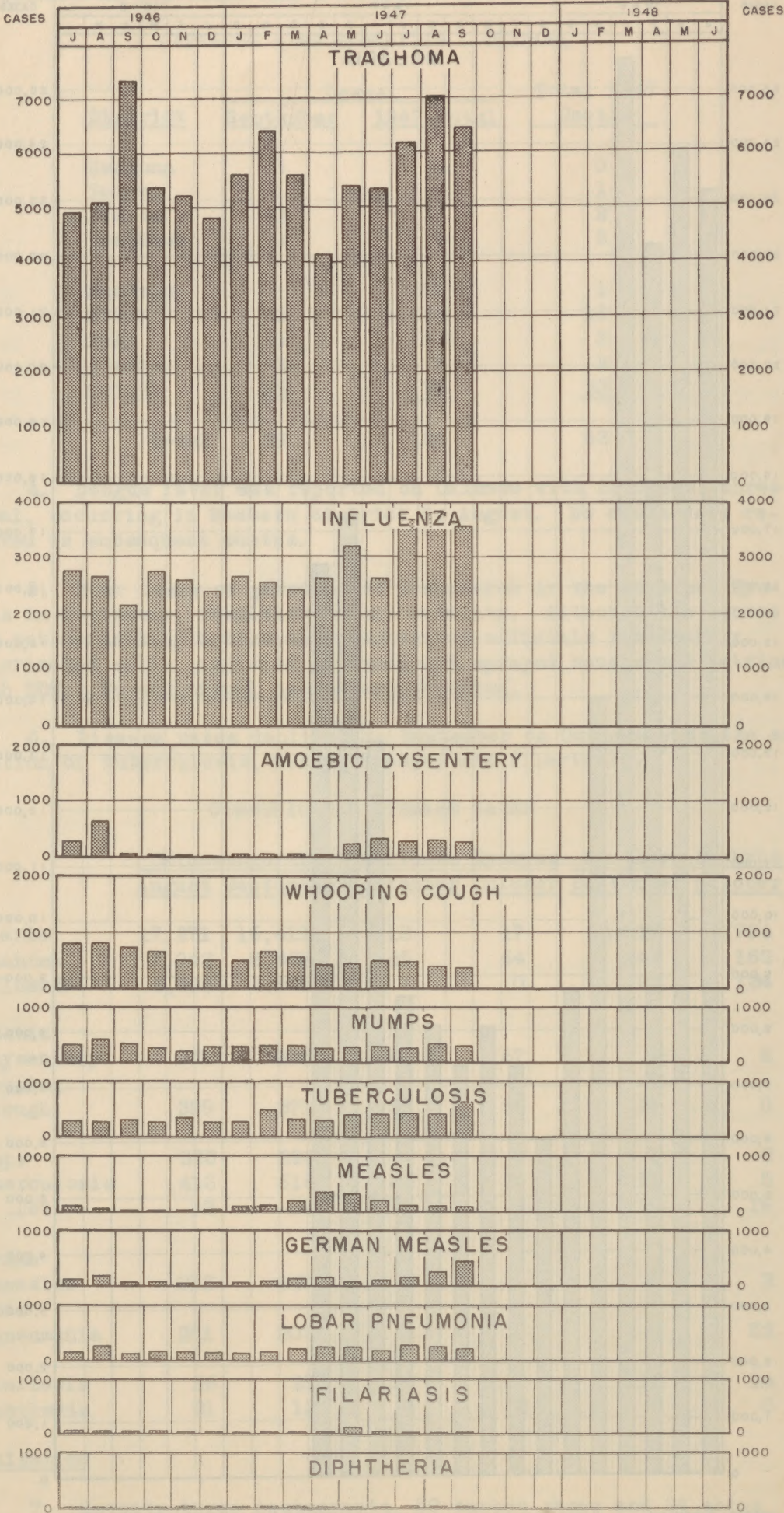
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8. Sanitary teams constructed 20,427 meters of drainage ditches, 2,184 latrines and 200 wells during August and September on Okinawa-gunto.

SANITATION ACTIVITIES

	<u>Okinawa-gunto</u>		<u>Northern Ryukyus</u>		<u>Southern Ryukyus</u>	
	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
Drainage ditches (meters)						
Constructed	11,994	8,433	-	-	350	1,905
Serviced	512,903	529,586	-	-	10,031	31,998
Latrines						
Constructed	589	1,595	186	134	19	12
Closed	178	632	0	0	-	0
Maintained	65,040	64,563	-	-	13,232	13,326
Wells						
Constructed	54	146	23	19	-	-
Cleaned	447	1,005	44	6	1,607	1,909
Closed	3	60	1	3	-	0
Houses sprayed	22,669	16,648	1,953	2,651	-	-

VETERINARY AFFAIRS

Okinawa

9. Infectious diseases accounted for the deaths of 275 swine, 10 goats and 52 fowl on Okinawa-gunto in October.

Other causes were responsible for the deaths of four cattle, three horses, 84 swine, four goats and 35 fowl in the same period.

ANIMAL DISEASES - OKINAWA-GUNTO

October

<u>Animal</u>	<u>Disease</u>	<u>Infected</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>Recovered</u>
Cattle	Infectious abortion	30	0	30
Swine	Hog cholera	277	247	30
	Erysipelas	83	5	78
	Swine pest	25	21	4
	Tetanus	2	2	0
Goats	Distoma hepaticum	10	10	0
Poultry	Diphtheria	51	45	6
	Pullorum	20	7	13

10. LARA flew 90,000 cubic centimeters of hog cholera serum from Hawaii to Okinawa-gunto on 16 October to permit inoculation of all hogs.

Northern Ryukyus

11. In the Northern Ryukyus 1,399 cattle, 461 horses, 3,282 swine and 3,002 goats were examined. Of these one goat, six cattle, seven horses and 10 swine required treatment for disease.

12. There are 13 veterinarians in the Northern Ryukyus.

Southern Ryukyus

13. Of 388 animals slaughtered and examined in the Southern Ryukyus in October, 15 were condemned.

14. Ninety-eight hogs on Miyako-retto were found to be infested with intestinal parasites while 14 suffered from other diseases.

15. All practicing veterinarians hold Japanese licenses since no examinations have been held since the war.

MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL AFFAIRS

16. Hospital facilities on Okinawa on 30 September included three general hospitals with a bed capacity of 820; three district hospitals capable of handling 214 and 82 dispensaries, well dispersed, with a total capacity of 461 beds. The total bed capacity, 1,495, is an increase of 158 over the 31 July figure.

MEDICAL TREATMENTS

	<u>Okinawa-gunto</u>		<u>Northern Ryukyus</u>		<u>Southern Ryukyus</u>	
	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
In-patients	652	677	475	-	77	85
Out-patients	101,330	97,121	25,078	-	9,439	8,115
Bed capacity	1,495	1,495	-	-	94	94

17. In September 135 major operations were performed in the hospitals on Okinawa, nine in the Northern Ryukyus and 11 in the Southern Ryukyus.

Leper Colonies

18. The leper colony on Yagachi-shima, off the Okinawa coast, admitted three new patients in October, raising the number of patients to 868.

19. The Nansei-en Leper Colony on Miyako has a population of 161 of whom 91 are male and 70 are female.

Construction has begun on the expansion of this Colony to accommodate 500 persons.

20. The leprosarium in the Northern Ryukyus reports 192 patients.

21. LARA relief supplies received in September were delivered to the leper colonies.

SUPPLY

22. Expenditures of penite increased by 686 gallons from August to September although uses of other insecticides declined.

INSECTICIDES EXPENDED IN OKINAWA-GUNTO

	<u>Unit</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>
Penite	gallon	267	953
DDT in oil	gallon	2,674	254
10 percent DDT powder	pound	1,735	0

23. The following supplies were received from Japan during September to aid the mosquito control program: 25,000 pounds of DDT concentrate, 23,000 pounds of DDT dust, 248 sprayers of three-gallon capacity and 214 dusters.

In addition 37,500 gallons of contaminated diesel oil were given to the Sanitation Department for use with DDT.

24. Supplies received by the Public Health Department in October totaled 124,710 pounds composed of the following items: 50,200 pounds of below-standard medical supplies and equipment; 390 pounds of miscellaneous equipment; 50 pounds of Japanese drugs; 73,750 pounds of miscellaneous medical supplies and 320 pounds of penicillin in beeswax.

25. During September and October 129,444 pounds of medical supplies and equipment were distributed in the Ryukyus.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTED (pounds)

	<u>Okinawa-gunto</u>		<u>Northern Ryukyus</u>		<u>Southern Ryukyus</u>	
	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
Surgical dressings	17,750	14,400	0	0	0	0
Medical supplies	51,934	19,301	8,020	167	0	662
Equipment	16,260	280	0	0	670	0

NARCOTICS

26. Narcotics received for medical use in September and October equalled 120.77 pounds and 131 pounds respectively. Other drugs amounted to 23.446 pounds in September and 14.06 pounds in October.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

27. Seventeen and one-half tons of LARA supplies were received in September, including 10.5 tons of clothing, 6.5 tons of powdered milk and 240,000 vitamin tablets, which were distributed to leper colonies, orphanages, old people's homes and people on relief rolls throughout the Ryukyus.

Sewing-machine parts were received as part of this LARA shipment.

28. During October the Ryukyuans received the following donations:

- (1) LARA sent 23 tons of clothing, 14 tons of shoes and four tons of soap.

- (2) PX warehouses gave three tons of soiled or torn clothing, and tobacco and food.
- (3) The Brethren's Service Committee with headquarters in Maryland sent 194 goats. Fourteen purebred bucks and 35 purebred does went to experimental stations while the remainder, all does, were allotted to welfare institutions.

Okinawa-gunto

29. Relief rolls dropped 735 people from September to October on Okinawa.

RELIEF ROLLS - OKINAWA

	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
Under 16	18,881	18,317
Over 61	4,131	4,083
Pregnant women	63	69
Invalids	1,154	1,123
Deformed persons	744	718
Women with children	<u>1,340</u>	<u>1,268</u>
Total	26,313	25,578

30. Five and one-half acres were acquired at Shuri for rebuilding the orphanage and old people's home, the present site having proved inadequate in land area and building capacity.

Northern Ryukyus

31. There are three poorhouses in Naze, Amami-o-shima, with a total capacity of 96. Only one, with 25 inmates ranging in age from 2 to 60, is in use, the other two being temporarily occupied by repatriates.

32. The Northern Ryukyus received 4,343 pieces of clothing and 2,600 pounds of food as its share of the September LARA shipment.

Southern Ryukyus

33. Yaeyama has 10 orphans, four aged persons and 702 destitute persons on relief. In September these received 1,892 pounds of food and ¥ 3,274, while in October 4,360 pounds of food and ¥ 2,519 were distributed.

34. Confiscated black-market foods consisting of 2,407 pounds of rice, 1,277 pounds of dried bonito, 182 pounds of black sugar and 128 pounds of beans were distributed in September to persons on relief and to the leper colony on Miyako.

35. Monetary aid to 418 persons on Miyako-retto relief rolls totaled ¥ 19,830 in October.

MIYAKO RELIEF DISTRIBUTION

<u>District</u>	<u>Orphans</u>	<u>Aged</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Sick</u>	<u>Amount Distributed</u> <u>(yen)</u>
Gusukube	3	5	97	1	4,290
Hirara	5	18	141	3	6,900
Irabu	2	7	20	1	3,150
Shimoji	4	8	85	0	3,960
Tarama	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,530</u>
Total	18	43	352	5	19,830

Resettlement

36. Land released to Okinawans from military installations in September totaled 535 acres, 57.8 acres of which were given to Yonagusuku for cultivation, leaving 477.2 acres for resettlement purposes.

Of the resettlement acreage, 398.7 acres went to Nakagushuku, 24.8 to Mawashi, 24.8 to Naha and 28.9 to Yonagusuku.

37. Land released in October consisted of 499.9 acres for resettlement and 165.3 acres for cultivation, divided among four communities.

38. On 26 September Okinawans received 330 acres for temporary resettlement on Ie-shima. The land had previously been put on a "cultivation only" basis on 13 August.

39. The following table shows the status of land held by Okinawans on Okinawa-shima and Ie-shima as of September.

LAND RELEASED FOR RESETTLEMENT AND CULTIVATION (acres)

	<u>Okinawa-shima</u>	<u>Ie-shima</u>
Cultivation only	6,485	1,455
Resettlement and cultivation	264,948	2,671
Resettlement, temporary	<u>1,768</u>	<u>948</u>
Total	273,201	5,074

REPATRIATION

40. Ryukyuan repatriated numbered 3,791 while 122 persons were evacuated to Japan in the period from 29 August to 30 October.

VITAL STATISTICS

41. Births increased while deaths declined in September on Okinawa-gunto.

	<u>Okinawa-gunto</u>		<u>Northern Ryukyus</u>		<u>Southern Ryukyus</u>	
	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
Births	1,219	1,403	597	538	307	296
Deaths	424	410	349	256	139	184
Marriages	-	377	-	165	102	122
Divorces	-	82	-	35	7	11

